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ABSTRACT

The Southeastern Association of Housing Officers (SEAHO) draws its membership from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. As a professional association, SEAHO strives to fulfill its purpose to provide an opportunity to college housing officers for personal and professional growth through annual conferences, a Governing Council which provides leadership, and a newsletter which provides a forum for communication of ideas. Beginning as an informal meeting of housing officers, SEAHO has developed into a vibrant professional association responding to the changing needs of today's housing officer. While informality has been a hallmark of SEAHO's early evolution, its history clearly shows how organizational structure has developed in response to the changing needs of the membership and the complexities of the profession. SEAHO stands out as one of the most fiscally sound and service oriented regional housing associations in the United States. The continued commitment and voluntary service of its members will set the stage for the next 25 years. (Summaries of highlights of each of the 25 conferences from 1965-1989 are included.) (ABL)

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Dear Colleagues,

It has been an honor to research and write the history of the Southeastern Association of Housing Officers. In a project of this magnitude, one is most concerned with presenting an accurate representation of the people and events which make up our Association's history. Inevitably, there will be errors of omission for which I accept responsibility and offer my apologies.

In the two years of research devoted to this project, I have had the distinct pleasure of consulting with and receiving information from numerous colleagues. Some of these, such as Harold Riker, Dan Moore, Phil Howard, Dan Bertsos, Gary Schwarzmueller, Rita Moser and Dick Merritt, deserve recognition for their assistance in this project. Two individuals provided significant amounts of historical data and documents. Bob Stewart and Ray King have a lengthy history of significant contribution to SEAHO's development and I appreciate their contribution to this work. Considerable support for this project was provided by Felecia Milton and Curtis Harris of the University of Florida's Division of Housing under the leadership of Director James C. Grimm.

Finally, a word of thanks to the countless individuals who have each year contributed to the success of SEAHO. Without the tireless commitments of these professional colleagues throughout these past twenty-five years, a SEAHO history could not be written. This history will hopefully document the high standards of our early leaders as a model for those who carry us forward.

Sincerely,

Gene Luna
1989

SEAHO: The Purpose and History

PURPOSE

The Southeastern Association of Housing Officers (SEAHO) draws its open membership from the ten southeastern states of the United States (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia).

The purpose of the Association as stated in the Association's Constitution, Article II, is:

> To provide an opportunity to college and university housing officers for personal and professional growth through attendance at an annual conference and to facilitate an exchange of ideas and dialogue with professional colleagues.

As a professional association, SEAHO strives to fulfill its purpose through its:

- members, who give the Association strength and continuity through their unselfish contributions of time and energy.
- annual conference, which provides for an exchange of ideas and networking opportunities.
- Governing Council, which provides leadership and direction to the Association.
- SEAHO Report, a newsletter which provides a forum for communication of ideas and news of interest to members.

SEAHO has served the region's college and university housing profession for twenty-five years. Through its informal structure, affordable meetings and promotion of professional relationships, the Association has continuously offered opportunities for housing officers to be involved professionally and to grow personally as they serve the living-learning needs of their students.

HISTORY

In 1956, a few years after the inaugural meeting of the Association of College and University Housing Officers (ACUHO), Harold Riker of the University of Florida, Edith McCollum of Florida State University and John Storey of the University of Georgia met informally to discuss issues they faced in directing student housing programs on their respective campuses. During this meeting, they briefly discussed the need to meet with other housing officials in the southeast to share ideas about their work. However, it was to be several years before the idea of such a meeting would become a reality.

During the 1964 ACUHO conference at the University of Michigan, several Housing Directors from the southeast including Harold Riker, John Storey, Donald R. Moore of Emory University and Raymond C. King of the University of South Florida discussed the idea of forming a regional association of housing officers from colleges and

universities in the southeastern United States. Donald R. Moore, Director of Housing at Emory University, offered to host the first meeting of the proposed organization at Emory in the Spring of 1965.

Emory University, 1965. Over 100 housing officers representing 50 colleges and universities attended the First Annual meeting of the Southeastern Association of Housing Officers at Emory University. Host Chairman, Donald R. Moore reported an enthusiastic response to the proposed formation of a regional association to provide an opportunity for college and university housing officers to discuss ideas and mutual concerns. The theme of this inaugural meeting was "Today's Challenge - Tomorrow's Direction". The conference included presentations on several important topics including the results of a survey on housing costs in the Southeast.

Malcolm Gray, Director of Housing at Mississippi State University, made a motion at the business meeting to adopt SEAHO as the official name of the new organization. The motion was seconded by John Storey from the University of Georgia and unanimously approved by those in attendance. Raymond C. King, University of South Florida, invited the association to hold its second annual meeting at the USF campus in 1966. William N. Davis, ACUHO President, addressed the membership regarding the organization and objectives of the Association of College and University Housing Officers and gave his support to the beginning of SEAHO.

University of South Florida, 1966. One hundred and one participants journeyed to Tampa, Florida, in May 1966 for the Second Annual meeting of SEAHO. Housing officers representing forty colleges and universities in the ten state region of the southeast were challenged by the program developed by the host committee from the University of South Florida. Host Chair Raymond C. King developed the first SEAHO newsletter in February 1966 as a means of developing interest for the conference.

The conference program included presentation of three research papers, as well as the opportunity to attend one of five concurrent "Idea Sessions". These "Idea Sessions" included 1) Faculty Involvement; 2) Research Projects; 3) Orientation for New Residence Hall Students; 4) Equipment and Furnishings; and 5) Residence Hall Student Government.

The business meeting included the passage of a resolution supporting the renewal and expansion of the College Housing Loan Program of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. In addition, the University of Georgia was selected as the site for the 1967 SEAHO Conference.

University of Georgia, 1967. "Inquiry - 1967" was the theme for the Third Annual Conference of SEAHO. The conference was staged at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education in February 1967 and Host Chair Richard Armstrong reported attendance of over 140 delegates.

Jack Smalley, ACUHO President, delivered the keynote speech on issues facing college and university housing officers.

This conference offered an institutional display opportunity. Room was reserved for participants to share brochures, handbooks, surveys and other related materials used on their respective campuses.

At the business meeting, Host Chair, Richard Armstrong submitted a document spelling out the history, organization and purpose of SEAHO. The membership in attendance voted to adopt the document. It was announced that the Fourth Annual SEAHO conference would be held at the University of South Carolina. An invitation to hold the 1969 conference at Louisiana State University was offered by John J. Capdeville of LSU and accepted by the membership.

University of South Carolina, 1968. "Housing Challenges for the Future" was the theme for the Fourth Annual SEAHO conference. Host Chair Joe A. Barnes reported that over 120 persons attended the conference on the USC campus in Columbia, South Carolina.

Charles F. Frederiksen, ACUHO Secretary, welcomed the delegates and shared national perspectives in the college student housing field. The program included presentations on such topics as campus planning, residence hall visitation policies, management ideas, training resident assistants, discipline processes in the residence halls, and the effect of the minimum wage and hour law.

It was announced at the business meeting that the 1969 SEAHO conference would be hosted by Louisiana State University. An invitation to host the 1970 Conference was offered by William "Bud" Thomas Jr. of the University of Tennessee. The offer was accepted by the membership although later in the year the site was shifted to the University of Kentucky.

Louisiana State University, 1969. Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was the site for the Fifth Annual SEAHO Conference. The conference was shifted from its traditional Friday - Saturday schedule to a Sunday - Monday format to allow participants to attend the famous New Orleans Mardi Gras on Tuesday, February 18.

The program included an address by ACUHO President Cliff Yoder and a keynote address by LSU Dean of Students Dr. James Reddock on the topic of "Solving the Problem of Student Unrest in the University". Other topics of interest on the program included data processing, construction and renovation financing, and responsibilities for student welfare.

This conference also hosted the first vendor exhibit program in which furniture manufacturers set up displays to exhibit their latest furniture for residence halls. Twelve vendors displayed their product at the conference.

It was announced that the 1970 conference would be hosted by the University of Kentucky in Lexington.

University of Kentucky, 1970. SEAHO entered the 1970s with a conference theme of "Student Housing in the New Decade". Host Chair for the Sixth Annual meeting was Larry W. Ivy, Manager - University Housing at the University of Kentucky. ACUHO was represented by one of SEAHO's founders, Donald Moore, who was currently serving as the ACUHO Vice President. The conference was expanded to three days for the first time with the opening banquet held in the evening preceding the program sessions on Friday.

The program topics were indicative of the changing times and included sessions on communication systems and data processing technology. The social aspects of our work was evidenced by sessions on visitation policies and co-educational residence hall living.

Donald Moore continued to hold on important role in the beginning years of SEAHO. He not only served as the host for the first conference in 1965, he also presided over the SEAHO business meeting for the first six years.

It was announced that the 1971 SEAHO conference would be hosted by the University of Florida with Dr. Harold Riker serving as Host Chair. An offer to host the 1973 conference by representatives of Appalachian State University in North Carolina was accepted.

University of Florida, 1971. The Seventh Annual SEAHO Conference was held in Gainesville, Florida, over a three day period in February. The theme chosen for the conference was "The Future of the Housing Officer". Over 75 delegates and their families enjoyed an exciting program developed by Host Chair Harold Riker. Donald Moore, ACUHO President and one of the founders of SEAHO gave an informative luncheon speech on our legal responsibilities.

The program for this year's conference included the first SEAHO program specifically focused on issues in food service. In addition, the continually changing social issues on campus were addressed by programs on the black student experience and drug use by students. Over twenty-five housing officers participated as program presenters and discussion leaders exemplifying the purpose of SEAHO and the level of involvement among the membership.

Next year's conference was scheduled for Mobile, Alabama, to be hosted by the University of South Alabama.

University of South Alabama, 1972. The Eighth Annual SEAHO Conference was hosted by Dick Krause and his University of South Alabama staff in Mobile from February 16-18. Aside from an excellent variety of programs for the conference participants, this year's conference marked several significant decisions for the Association.

First, the membership voted to adopt an official seal for SEAHO. The seal, which was designed by Robert S. Holberg of the University of South Alabama, was intended "to suggest the architectural planes and the very three dimensional aspects of educational housing complexes...the ten-sided geometric outline represents the 10 member states."

Secondly, a proposed SEAHO constitution was offered for adoption to the membership and a vote ruled against its acceptance thereby maintaining SEAHO's informal organizational structure.

Finally, Jim Grimm, University of Miami, made a motion to institute the adoption of a program of representatives from each member state to be chosen by the institutions representing that state at the SEAHO annual conference. The motion was seconded and the membership voted for adoption.

The states were instructed to caucus at the end of the business meeting to select their representatives for the coming year. The state caucuses and state representatives have continued to be an important aspect of each SEAHO conference, as well as providing opportunities for professional involvement by interested housing professionals. A placement service was also conducted at the SEAHO Conference in Mobile under the leadership of Chuck Lynch of the University of Miami.

An invitation to host the 1974 SEAHO Conference by Mississippi State University was accepted by the membership.

Appalachian State University, 1973. The mountains of western North Carolina were the site of the Ninth Annual SEAHO Conference. During the year preceding the conference, a mid-year planning meeting was held which included the SEAHO State Representatives. In addition, SEAHO stationary depicting the SEAHO logo was printed and used for official communications.

Host Chair Jairy Hunter of ASU reported attendance by 127 delegates at the conference. Programs on food service, data processing, staff training and organizational patterns were included in the format.

At the business meeting, Don Moore of Tulane University expressed a strong concern for a formal organizational structure for SEAHO. He made a motion seconded by Ralph Main of the University of Virginia, that the planning committee for the 1974 SEAHO Conference prepare an organizational proposal for the 1974 SEAHO business meeting agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Marshall Lamison of Emory University offered to host the 1975 SEAHO Conference in Atlanta. The offer was accepted by the membership.

Biloxi, Mississippi 1974. Mississippi State University Staff and Bill Foster served as the hosts for the Tenth Annual SEAHO

Conference. The National Association of College and University Food Service (NACUFS) Region III membership had been invited to meet jointly with SEAHO this year resulting in an attendance of 200 at the conference held February 12-14. This conference was the first to be held at a site away from the host school.

This year marked two significant developments for SEAHO. The SEAHO newsletter which had been occasionally produced over the last few years was revitalized under the leadership of Ken Stoner, University of Tennessee. Three issues were produced during the year with each state representative responsible for providing information for each issue.

As was decided at last year's conference, the 1974 Conference Planning Committee developed an organizational structure for consideration by the SEAHO membership. The committee proposed the following:

A. The Host Chairperson for the next year's conference will serve as President of SEAHO.
B. The Host Chair for the following year's conference will serve as the Vice President of SEAHO.
C. The Conference Planning Committee will be made up of the ten state representatives and the SEAHO President and Vice-President.
D. The duties of the State Representatives are as follows:
    1. To provide membership information regarding ACUHO-I and SEAHO to all institutions in their states.
    2. To encourage all institutions in their state to attend SEAHO.
    3. To survey institutions in their states concerning current issues and to use the information in national and regional newsletters.
    4. To attend the Program Planning session (Mid-year meeting) for the upcoming SEAHO Conference.
    5. To attend to any other matters relating to the institutions served by SEAHO.

Ralph Main of the University of Virginia moved that the organizational structure proposal be accepted. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the membership. Thus, SEAHO gained a formal organizational structure.

NACUFS was invited to meet again jointly with SEAHO in 1975 in Atlanta, Georgia.

Robert A. Stewart of The University of South Carolina invited SEAHO to hold its conference in Charleston or aboard a cruise ship. After some discussion, a decision was made to hold the conference in Charleston with USC serving as the host.

<u>Atlanta, Georgia - 1975</u>. Emory University and Georgia Tech were the host institutions for the Eleventh Annual SEAHO Conference. Pete Lamison of Emory and Gary Schwarzmueller served as SEAHO Co-Presidents for the year. This was the second year of having

NACUFS meet jointly with SEAHO and the partnership resulted in a total of 253 persons registering for the conference. George Merrill, ACUHO President, addressed the delegates concerning the agenda of the national association.

A motion made by Jim Grimm, University of Miami, and seconded by John Storey, University of Georgia, to invite the Southern College Personnel Association to conduct a placement service at future SEAHO meetings was passed. After a discussion on the benefits of joint SEAHO-NACUFS meetings, a committee of representatives from both associations was established to investigate the feasibility of continuing the conference partnership.

Pete Lamison presented the "Revolving Rabbit Award" (the SEAHO Gavel) to incoming SEAHO President and 1976 Host, Bob Stewart of the University of South Carolina. Stewart reviewed plans for the 1976 conference.

Conference host bids for 1977 were made by Fred Roberts of Memphis State University, Tom Strong of the University of Alabama and Jim Grubb of the University of Tennessee. The membership voted to have the 1977 conference in Memphis, Tennessee.

Charleston, South Carolina - 1976. The Twelfth Annual SEAHO Conference was a rousing success with 258 registered delegates as SEAHO and NACUFS again met jointly. Several decisions of note were made by the membership during the business meeting.

Continuing the discussion from last year regarding joint SEAHO-NACUFS meetings, a decision was reached that in 1977 the two associations would meet independently. SEAHO extended an invitation for NACUFS to meet jointly again in the future; however, that has not happened again since this 1976 Conference.

President Robert A. Stewart suggested the need for SEAHO to have an auditing committee to verify host expenses. Don Moore moved that an auditing committee be formed of the three previous SEAHO Hosts (Presidents). After a second by Dick Krause and a brief discussion on reporting responsibilities, the motion was passed.

A discussion of the value of the SCPA Placement Service was conducted with a decision to continue the service at SEAHO. Terry Ford of Memphis State reviewed plans for the 1977 SEAHO Conference.

Three host bids were offered to the membership for the 1978 meeting. Ralph Main from the University of Virginia, Tom Strong of the University of Alabama and Bill Stepp of Stetson University in Florida made presentations regarding their plans for hosting. The membership voted to hold the 1978 SEAHO Conference in Daytona Beach, Florida, with Stetson University serving as host and Bill Stepp serving as SEAHO President.

Gary Schwarzmueller made a motion seconded by Dick Hester of Virginia Commonwealth University that SEAHO should provide postage

money to the Newsletter Editor for mailing out the SEAHO newsletter. The motion was approved by the membership.

Bob Stewart closed the meeting with the presentation of the "Revolving Rabbit Award" to incoming President, Terry Ford.

Memphis, Tennessee - 1977. Over 200 SEAHO delegates representing 77 colleges and universities gathered in Memphis for the Thirteenth Annual SEAHO Conference. President Terry Ford reported that 90 delegates were attending their first SEAHO Conference.

The initial report of the SEAHO auditing committee, composed of Bob Stewart, Pete Lamison and Gary Schwarzmueller, indicated a net balance of $2,564.79. This balance was placed in a reserve fund. Bob Stewart then made a motion that an administration committee be established to oversee the reserve fund. He proposed this committee consist of conference hosts who have contributed to the fund. The motion was seconded and passed without opposition.

Deanne Molinari, ACUHO President, and Jim Condie, University of North Carolina, addressed the membership regarding ACUHO issues.

Bill Stepp of Stetson University reported on plans for the 1978 conference in Daytona Beach. He also proposed publication of a SEAHO brochure to inform housing officers about the association. Jim Grubb, University of Tennessee offered an invitation to hold the 1979 SEAHO Conference in Knoxville and the membership voted to accept the offer.

Daytona Beach, Florida - 1978. The sunshine of Florida greeted delegates to the Fourteenth Annual SEAHO Conference hosted by Stetson University. SEAHO President Bill Stepp reported a record attendance by 251 persons representing 92 colleges and universities. Over 100 delegates were attending their first SEAHO Conference.

The SEAHO Auditing Committee under Bob Stewart's leadership reported continued growth of the SEAHO Reserve Fund. It is rumored that this was the year that Bob Stewart first mentioned the mythical SEAHO steed, Two-Step and a tradition was born. Stewart would continue for several years to report on the costs of maintaining Two-step, including the cost of oats for the year, as well as reporting the alleged track winnings of the horse.

Steve Jennings of Tulane University offered a bid to host the 1980 SEAHO meeting in New Orleans. The offer was seconded by Ray King of the University of South Florida and unanimously accepted by the membership.

SEAHO President Bill Stepp reviewed the tradition begun in 1974 of presenting the outgoing President with a plaque of recognition. He then disclosed a decision by the 1978 Executive Committee to present plaques to those who served as President/Host between 1965-1974.

At the close of the business meeting, each of the ten SEAHO states held meetings to select their SEAHO state representatives for the coming year as had been done since 1972.

Knoxville, Tennessee - 1979. SEAHO continued to grow as 260 delegates representing 102 institutions attended the Fifteenth Annual SEAHO Conference this year.

The SEAHO Reserve Fund ($7,106.01) was the topic of a lengthy discussion at the business meeting. Ray King questioned how best the fund could be utilized suggesting it could offset costs for graduate students to attend the conference. Bob Stewart reviewed decisions made by the Planning Committee in October to provide funds for the SEAHO Newsletter, a SEAHO Brochure and a Hot-line Placement Service. Mr. Stewart also suggested that the Reserve Fund could help eliminate future needs to charge dues for SEAHO membership. Chuck Hulick of Murray State University suggested using some of the funds to purchase films for use by the membership. Steve Jennings of Tulane made a motion, seconded by Dick Krause of the University of South Alabama, to have these issues deferred to the Mid-year Planning Meeting in New Orleans. The motion was approved.

Another tradition was begun by Chuck Hulick at this conference. The first SEAHO Service Awards were presented at the closing luncheon on Friday. These awards were designed to recognize those nominated members of each college or university housing staff who normally do not receive such awards. This recognition program has continued each year since its beginning.

After Steve Jennings reviewed plans for next year's conference, a bid to host SEAHO '81 in Williamsburg, Virginia, was submitted by Roland Wheeler of Virginia Tech. The offer was accepted by the membership.

President Jim Grubb recognized Lin Rose from James Madison University for his work in developing the first SEAHO brochure. Bill Stepp then presented President Grubb with a plaque of recognition for his leadership in SEAHO.

New Orleans, Louisiana - 1980. The Sixteenth Annual SEAHO Conference was host to 266 delegates. SEAHO President, Steve Jennings of host institution Tulane University reported over 100 of the delegates were new to the SEAHO Conference. Louisiana State University hosted a "Pre-Conference Mardi Gras" party.

Alan Davis announced that the exhibitors were giving away door prizes at the morning break. This tradition now continues each year. The exhibits program and vendor involvement has provided substantial financial support for the SEAHO Conference while allowing vendors to display products.

The SEAHO Film Library was authorized at the Mid-year Planning Meeting. Three films were purchased and could be checked out by SEAHO institutions for a small postage and handling fee. The three

films purchased were: "College Can be Killing", "How to Say No to a Rapist and Survive", and Leo Buscaglia's "What is Essential is Invisible to the Eye".

Roland Wheeler, next year's host, gave a report on the upcoming SEAHO '81 conference. The floor was then opened for bids to host the 1982 Conference. Bids were offered by Randy Rice of Western Carolina University for Asheville and by Bob Kivetz of the University of Southern Mississippi for Biloxi. A very close vote resulted in a decision to hold SEAHO '82 in Biloxi, Mississippi.

Jim Bowles announced plans to revive the newsletter once again under the title, SEAHO Report. The membership gave unanimous approval. Each state was asked to select a State Editor at the State Caucuses. This position has helped insure the continuation of the SEAHO Report and has provided an additional opportunity for SEAHO involvement by interested professionals.

Williamsburg, Virginia - 1981. Colonial Williamsburg provided the atmosphere and the staff from host institution, Virginia Tech (VPI-SU) provided the hospitality for the Seventeenth Annual SEAHO Conference. President Roland Wheeler announced that over 302 persons, including graduate students and delegates' spouses, registered for the meeting. In addition, the exhibits program continued to grow as 25 exhibitors displayed their products and provided information for the housing officers in attendance.

Bob Stewart presented the Reserve Fund report and an update on SEAHO's mythical racehorse "Two-Step". Stewart then offered six options for administering the Reserve Fund. One option included the addition (and election) of a SEAHO Treasurer for a three-year term. Jim Grimm made a motion which was seconded and the membership then voted for the following constitutional amendment:

> "At the annual business meeting, elect a treasurer for a three year term who shall have custody of the fund and be bonded for an amount at least equal to the highest balance in the fund the previous year, bond to be held by the President. Control will remain with the Reserve Fund Committee consisting of the past five hosts who created a surplus. Disbursement will require two signatures, one of which may be Treasurer and the other a member of the committee."

On passage of this amendment, President Wheeler called for nominations for Treasurer. Bob Stewart was nominated and elected unanimously as the first SEAHO Treasurer.

A proposal to create a Time and Place Committee on a permanent basis, led to considerable discussion by the membership regarding the pros and cons of adding organizational structure to SEAHO. The creation of a Time and Place Committee was passed at this meeting. Although the procedures outlined for selecting hosts and conference sites has loosely followed this proposal in years hence, the Committee itself was never implemented.

Bob Kivetz reported on next year's SEAHO Conference and Ray King reviewed plans for the 1982 ACUHO Conference to be held in Tampa, Florida. Jim Bowles reviewed the progress of the SEAHO Report and then each state held their caucus to elect state representatives and state editors.

Biloxi, Mississippi - 1982. Mardi Gras was an added attraction for delegates attending the Eighteenth Annual SEAHO Conference. Fifty-eight of the 268 registered conferees boarded buses in Biloxi for a fun-filled day in New Orleans.

President Bob Kivetz reported that 32 exhibitors were registered and the door prizes were to be drawn during each break. ACUHO President Gary North reviewed the work of the parent association. After (SEAHO) Vice-President Randy Rice reviewed plans for SEAHO '83, Chuck Hulick offered Nashville, Tennessee, as the conference location for the 1984 conference with Murray State University serving as the host institution.

The Charles Beene Memorial Service Award was created at the 1982 meeting. The award was developed in honor of Charles Beene, Director of Housing at Mississippi State University, who had died the previous year as a result of an automobile accident. Eldrid Hodge of the University of Mississippi had moved that the award be given annually to the individual who was judged to have contributed the most to the success of SEAHO during the previous year. The motion was passed unanimously as was a motion to have the selection be made by the Reserve Fund Committee.

SEAHO also decided to provide $200 annually to support the Southeastern Placement Showcase held in Atlanta during May of each year. Bob Stewart reported a Reserve fund balance in excess of $7,000 after expenses of two Fidelity bonds for the Treasurer. The SEAHO Report continued to improve under the direction of Jim Bowles of the University of Tennessee and the State Editors. The SEAHO Service awards were presented to seventeen staff members from constituent institutions.

Asheville, North Carolina - 1983. The mountains of western North Carolina provided a beautiful backdrop to the Nineteenth Annual SEAHO Conference. President Randy Rice of host institution Western Carolina University announced that 116 institutions were represented by 325 delegates including 145 newcomers. Pre-conference workshops were offered and attracted 119 participants.

President Rice announced that the SEAHO Executive Committee had voted, during the Mid-year meeting, to dissolve the Time and Place Committee proposal which had not yet been implemented.

Bob Stewart continued to report on Two-Step and reviewed the Treasurer's report for the previous year. In his review, he discussed the need to seek tax exempt status for SEAHO in order to allow investment of the Reserve Fund. To accomplish this, SEAHO would need to develop an organizational constitution. Stewart

presented a draft of a constitution which would meet the IRS requirements. After one minor change, the membership voted unanimously to adopt the constitution.

The SEAHO Report continued its expansion with the appointment of Jeff Schenning, Furman University, as Managing Editor to work with Editor Jim Bowles. The newsletter began selling advertising to support publication and mailing costs.

Bids for SEAHO '85 were received from Clemson University to host at Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, and the University of Miami to host in Miami, Florida. The membership voted to have the 1985 conference at Hilton Head Island. The First Annual Charles Beene Memorial Service Award was presented to Doris Collins of Louisiana State University for her contributions to SEAHO.

Nashville, Tennessee - 1984. The Grand Ol' Opry played host to over half of the delegates to SEAHO '84 in Nashville. The Twentieth Annual Conference was attended by 335 persons representing 111 colleges and universities throughout the ten state region.

President Chuck Hulick also reported thirty-four exhibitors had arranged for exhibit space. Hulick also reported that SWACUHO had expressed interest in holding a joint conference with SEAHO. After some discussion a committee was appointed to meet with SWACUHO representatives at the ACUHO Conference to explore the possibilities and report back at next year's SEAHO Conference.

Bob Stewart reported that the Reserve Fund had increased to $13,881, due to the $5,247 surplus produced by SEAHO '83. Stewart also reviewed progress toward attaining status for SEAHO as a non-profit association. Bob Stewart was nominated and elected to fill another three-year term as SEAHO Treasurer and Two-Step trainer.

After discussing the issue of membership involvement, Vice-President Almeda Rogers Boettner of Clemson appointed a committee to review the SEAHO structure. Chaired by Gary Schwarzmueller, the committee included Peggy McHugh, Jean Lindley, Bobby Marlow, Jim Grubb and Randy Rice. They were asked to report back at next year's business meeting.

John Storey, one of SEAHO's founders, was honored for his service to the Association by resolution passed unanimously by the membership. A resolution regarding support for the Interassociation Task Force on Alcohol Use was also passed at the business meeting.

The University of Miami was nominated and selected to serve as host institution with George Shoffner to be SEAHO President for 1986. Robert Stewart of the University of South Carolina was given the Charles Beene Award for outstanding service to SEAHO.

Hilton Head Island, South Carolina - 1985. A new record for attendance was established at the Twenty-First Annual SEAHO

Conference. President Almeda Rogers Boettner reported total registration was 438 persons representing 122 college and university housing departments. Clemson University served as the host institution for this outstanding conference. SEAHO member and ACUHO-I President Jim Grimm addressed the delegates regarding issues concerning the profession.

Treasurer Bob Stewart reported on the continued growth of the Reserve Fund with a balance of over $23,000. SEAHO '84 had added over $7,000 to the Reserve and Stewart reported that since SEAHO had received a tax exemption number, the Reserve Fund had been invested yielding a return of approximately $1,300.

Jo Ferguson of Hollins College reported the findings of the Task Force on a joint SEAHO/SWACUHO meeting. A motion was made to have a joint meeting in 1988 and the membership voted against it.

The SEAHO Self-Study Task Force, chaired by Gary Schwarzmueller, made several recommendations. Regarding the leadership structure, it was recommended that the conference hosts for the following two conferences would continue to serve as President and Vice-President/Program chair. The past President and Newsletter Editor (ex-officio) would serve on the Executive Committee while the post of Secretary would be combined with Treasurer and be elected for a three year term. Two Member-at-Large positions to be elected were also included in the recommendations. Other recommendations included not initiating association dues, appointment of committees only as need arises, retention of Reserve Fund equal to one year's conference budget, development of written responsibilities for Executive Board members including State Representatives and Editors and development of a set of hosting guidelines. The membership accepted the recommendations unanimously.

A proposal for SEAHO to support and endorse a new Job Placement Conference at Western Kentucky was voted against by the membership. A bid by Georgia Tech to host the 1987 SEAHO Conference in Atlanta was passed. The Charles Beene Award was given to Gary Schwarzmueller of Georgia Tech.

Miami, Florida - 1986. The Twenty-Second Annual SEAHO Conference was hosted by the University of Miami. President George Shoffner hosted the delegates on a cruise around Biscayne Bay.

The Treasurer's report indicated a significant increase in investment income along with a significant surplus from last year's conference.

This conference marked the implementation of the recommendations of last year's Self-Study Committee. In particular, a nominating committee had been appointed to officially solicit nominations for the position of Secretary/Treasurer and the two new Member-at-Large positions. Written ballots were utilized for the first time in SEAHO history and elected were Bob Kivetz, University of Southern Mississippi as Secretary/Treasurer, Rita Moser,

University of Georgia, as Member-at-Large (2 year term) and Verna Howell, Clemson University, as Member-at-Large (1 year term).

Wayne Kuncl of the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill proposed that SEAHO provide financial support for any institutions wanting to conduct a self-study based on the new ACUHO-I Statement of Standards with the amount of funding to be determined by the Reserve Fund Committee. The proposal was approved by the membership. This service has developed into a continuing program to provide grants of up to $250 for such institutional self-study projects.

The membership voted to provide uniforms for the SEAHO Volleyball team to use in the ACUHO-I Volleyball Tournament. John Campbell, SEAHO Vice-President, reviewed plans for the 1987 Conference. Dick Merritt of Auburn University at Montgomery offered, on behalf of the State of Alabama Housing Officers Association, to host the 1988 Conference in Montgomery, Alabama. The offer was accepted by the membership.

James Bowles who had served several years as the Editor of the SEAHO Report received the Charles Beene Award as recognition for his leadership in establishing the consistent level of excellence and permanence of the Association's Newsletter.

Atlanta, Georgia - 1987. Georgia Tech served as host to 393 delegates for the Twenty-Third Annual SEAHO Conference. President John Campbell reported that 58 vendors were participating in the exhibits area.

Bob Kivetz, Secretary/Treasurer reported that expenses this year included the Volleyball uniforms, an increase in financial support for the SEAHO Report, and the purchase of additional films for the SEAHO Film Library.

The conference continued professional development opportunities by offering pre-conference workshops on "Legal Issues" and "Computer Applications." Dr. Richard Keeling, Director of Student Health Services at the University of Virginia, gave a startling talk about the spread of AIDS. Phil Howard, of Clemson University, the new SEAHO Report Editor reviewed plans for the distribution of the newsletter. Paula Hulick, of Murray State University, proposed the establishment of a SEAHO Film usage fee. A fee of $10.00 for SEAHO members and $20.00 for schools outside the SEAHO region was established. Hulick also continued the tradition of presenting the SEAHO Service Awards.

Gene Luna, University of Florida, was elected for a two year term as Member-at-Large. Eastern Kentucky University and Dan Bertsos were selected to host SEAHO '89 in Lexington, Kentucky. The Charles Beene Award was presented to James C. Grimm of the University of Florida for his leadership in SEAHO throughout the years.

Montgomery, Alabama - 1988. The Alabama State Housing Officers Association served as hosts for the Twenty-Fourth Annual SEAHO Conference. President Dick Merritt from Auburn University at Montgomery reported that 106 institutions were represented by 378 delegates including over 100 SEAHO newcomers. In addition, the Exhibits Area included 39 vendors displaying their products.

ACUHO-I was well represented by President-Elect Dan Hallenbeck from the University of Georgia and District Representative Chuck Werring from Texas Tech University.

During the year, President Dick Merritt initiated several projects of some note. Rita Moser was charged with developing responsibility descriptions for the elected positions of Secretary/Treasurer and the two Member-at-Large positions. In addition, a search for a new SEAHO Logo was begun along with a project to research and write a definitive history of SEAHO's development.

Bob Kivetz resigned as Secretary/Treasurer when he moved to NYU and Paula Hulick was named to replace him until elections could be held at the annual business meeting.

The Reserve Fund Committee was charged with developing guidelines for use by institutions considering a bid to host SEAHO. Dick Merritt was appointed to lead that effort. Hulick reported a Reserve Fund balance of $23,815.48 as of February, 1988.

Paula Hulick of Murray State University was elected for a three year term as Secretary/Treasurer and Alan Calarco of UNC - Chapel Hill was elected for a two year term as Member-at-Large. Vice-President Dan Bertsos reviewed plans for next year's conference and Tony Cawthon of Mississippi State University offered to host SEAHO '90 in Jackson, Mississippi. The offer was accepted by the membership. In recognition of his outstanding service to SEAHO, Robert Kivetz was invited down from New York to accept the Charles Beene Memorial Service Award.

Lexington, Kentucky - 1989. One event of particular note has been planned for the Twenty-Fifth Annual Conference by President Dan Bertsos of Eastern Kentucky University. In recognition of the first 25 years of the Association, a special President's Reception is planned to honor those individuals who have served as Presidents/Hosts for the first 25 SEAHO Conferences.

SEAHO - The First 25 Years - Having begun as an informal meeting of housing officers gathering for one day to share concerns and ideas, SEAHO has developed into a vibrant professional association responding to the changing needs of today's housing officer. While informality of organization has been a hallmark of SEAHO's early evolution, a review of the Association's history clearly shows how organizational structure has developed in response to the changing needs of the membership and the complexities of the profession. SEAHO today stands out as one of the most fiscally sound and service

oriented regional housing associations in the United States. The continued commitment and voluntary service of its members will set the stage and write the script of the next 25 years. May we look back in the year 2015 with pride and satisfaction.

Presidents of SEAHO

Year	President (Institution)
1964-65	Don Moore (Emory University)
1965-66	Raymond King (University of South Florida)
1966-67	Dick Armstrong (University of Georgia)
1967-68	Joe Barnes (University of South Carolina)
1968-69	John Capdeville (Louisiana State University)
1969-70	Larry Ivy (University of Kentucky)
1970-71	Harold Riker (University of Florida)
1971-72	Dick Krause (University of South Alabama)
1972-73	Jairy Hunter (Appalachian State University)
1973-74	Bill Foster (Mississippi State University)
1974-75	Pete Lamison (Emory University)
	Gary Schwarzmueller (Gerogia Tech University)
1975-76	Robert Stewart (University of South Carolina)
1976-77	Terry Ford (Memphis State University)
1977-78	William F. Stepp (Stetson University)
1978-79	James Grubb (University of Tennessee)
1979-80	Steve Jennings (Tulane University)
1980-81	Roland Wheeler (Virginia Tech University)
1981-82	Bob Kivetz (University of Southern Mississippi)
1982-83	R. Randy Rice (Western Carolina University)
1983-84	Chuck Hulick (Murray State University)
1984-85	Almeda Rogers Boettner (Clemson University)
1985-86	George Shoffner (Miami University)
1986-87	John Campbell (Georgia Tech University)
1987-88	Dick Merritt (Auburn University at Montgomery)
1988-89	Daniel J. Bertsos (Eastern Kentucky University)

SEAHO Conferences

Year	Location	Host Institution(s)
1965	Atlanta, GA	Emory University
1966	Tampa, FL	Univ. of South Florida
1967	Athens, GA	University of Georgia
1968	Columbia, SC	University of South Carolina
1969	Baton Rouge, LA	Louisiana State University
1970	Lexington, KY	University of Kentucky
1971	Gainesville, FL	University of Florida
1972	Mobile, AL	University of South Alabama
1973	Boone, NC	Appalachian State University
1974	Biloxi, MS	Mississippi State University
1975	Atlanta, GA	Emory Univ./Georgia Tech University
1976	Charleston, SC	University of South Carolina
1977	Memphis, TN	Memphis State University
1978	Daytona Beach, FL	Stetson University
1979	Knoxville, TN	University of Tennessee
1980	New Orleans, LA	Tulane University
1981	Williamsburg, VA	Virginia Tech University
1982	Biloxi, MS	University of Southern Mississippi
1983	Asheville, NC	Western Carolina University
1984	Nashville, TN	Murray State University
1985	Hilton Head, SC	Clemson University
1986	Miami, FL	University of Miami
1987	Atlanta, GA	Georgia Tech University
1988	Montgomery, AL	Auburn University at Montgomery
1989	Lexington, KY	Eastern Kentucky University